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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2009–10 REGULAR SESSION

Assembly Joint Resolution

No. 39

Introduced by Assembly Member Torlakson

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Assembly Joint Resolution No. 39—Relative to common state education standards.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AJR 39, as amended, Torlakson. Common state education standards.

This measure would call upon the National Governors Association and the Council of Chief State School Officers to develop common core state standards in the core academic disciplines of English-language arts, mathematics, history-social science, and science and request that they replicate the process used to develop English-language arts and

mathematics common core state standards to now develop common core state standards for social studies and science and examine the viability of developing common standards in foreign language, ~~the~~ *visual and performing* arts, physical education, career technical education, and other subject areas.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Public schools were purposely created to prepare
2 young people to become educated, responsible, participating
3 citizens; and

4 WHEREAS, The common core state standards initiative is a
5 significant and historic opportunity for states to collectively
6 accelerate and drive education reform toward the ultimate goal of
7 all pupils graduating from high school ready for college, work,
8 and success in the global economy; and

9 WHEREAS, All pupils across our great nation deserve to have
10 access to high-quality social studies and science education that
11 will provide them with the knowledge, skills, and dispositions to
12 become responsible and informed citizens with a strong curiosity
13 ~~of~~ *about* the physical world around them; and

14 WHEREAS, Each new generation of pupils must be equipped
15 with the knowledge of history, geography, economics, and
16 government, skills needed to make informed decisions about
17 complex public issues, attitudes that support democratic practices,
18 commitment to engage in civic life, a strong understanding of the
19 physical world, including biology, chemistry, geology, astronomy
20 and physics, and a firm grasp of the scientific method of discovery;
21 now, therefore, be it

22 *Resolved by the Assembly and the Senate of the State of*
23 *California, jointly*, That the California State Legislature, to ensure
24 the future of America and our democratic institutions, calls upon
25 the National Governors Association and the Council of Chief State
26 School Officers to develop common core state standards in the
27 core academic disciplines of English-language arts, mathematics,
28 history-social science, and science; and be it further

29 *Resolved*, That the National Governors Association and the
30 Council of Chief State School Officers replicate the process used
31 to develop English-language arts and mathematics common core
32 state standards to now develop common core state standards for
33 social studies and science; and be it further

1 *Resolved*, That the National Governors Association and the
2 Council of Chief State School Officers also examine the viability
3 of developing common standards in other subject areas, including,
4 but not limited to, foreign language, ~~the~~ *visual and performing*
5 arts, physical education, and career technical education; and be it
6 further

7 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
8 of this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United
9 States, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, to the
10 Majority Leader of the Senate, to each Senator and Representative
11 from California in the Congress of the United States, to the
12 National Governors Association, and to the Council of Chief State
13 School Officers.